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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM : John N. McMahon
Deputy Director for Operations

SUBJECT : Board for International Broadcasting
Request for FBIS Material

1. The Board for International Broadcasting (BIB), which was created by Congress in 1973 to take over the management and operation of Radio Free Europe (RFE) and Radio Liberty (RL), has requested that certain Foreign Broadcast Information Service materials be provided to BIB.

2. The Office of the General Counsel has no legal objection to a positive response. However, I believe, given continuing communist propaganda claims of CIA involvement with RFE and RL, that CIA should not make FBIS materials directly available to RFE or RL.

3. If you approve, the attached memorandum to BIB Chairman Gronouski will be channeled to BIB through State/INR, consistent with the 1974 Colby-Abshire agreement that CIA-BIB contacts should be indirect.

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Attachment:
Memorandum to BIB

APPROVED:

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